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To: Finance Division  
Via: SR/Administration  
General Counsel  
From: Chief, SR/3

Subject: Authorization to Pay Expenses of CASSOMARI 6's Trip to the U.S.

1. It is requested that authorization be granted to pay all expenses to the U.S. for a 90 day visit. The expenses involved are as follows:

a. Round-trip ticket Germany - U.S.	830.00
b. Three months salary (non-receiptable)	900.00
Grand Total	1730.00

2. All the above expenditures will be chargeable to Project AEROTHANIC (VI).

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Subject: Background Information of Services Rendered to CIA by CASSIDANT  
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1. SA/JLT requests that authorization be granted to bring CASSIDANT 6 to the U.S. for a 30 day visit. The round trip transportation costs and two months living expenses are to be paid by CIA.

2. CASSIDANT 6 has been working within the AERONAUTIC Project for over 14 years. During this period he has participated in four air dispatches in the capacity of jumper - a task which he has performed with great credit to himself. In addition to acting as jumper for all AERONAUTIC personnel dispatched, he has conducted CASSIDANT 3 in the latter's hidden activities between CASSIDANT 1 and CIA. Subject has also performed such hazardous duties for extended periods of time and has been responsible for the morale and discipline of the four CASSIDANT teams so have dispatched. He has been of considerable assistance to the Field Case Officer in the procurement of the German economy, of special equipment required by AERONAUTIC from the German economy, and has provided us with information on the German end problem in Germany.

3. To date, other than a small circle of Christians (lay, clergy or nuns) and on occasional work, Subject has received no personal recognition from us at any time during the four and one-half years of his relationship with CIA. Although this situation was predicated upon his personal wishes at the beginning of this relationship (his desire not to be regarded as a paid agent of the U.S. Government), the years of close relationship and the respect which has been established between Case Officers in the Field and CASSIDANT 3 have allowed him to see points where he would not refuse compensation in the form of a paid position.

4. The emotion and frustrations involved in the type of operations in which he has participated in the past four and one-half years have taken their toll on CASSIDANT 6 and he is beginning to show the effects of "burnt fatigue". A change of scenery and a rest would help him to recover his strength both morally and physically.

5. Should this request for authorization of a paid position be granted, CASSIDANT 6 would spend most of his time in and around New York City where he would visit with his Aunt, his only living relative. It can be assumed that while in the U.S., CASSIDANT 6 will be willing to undertake any operational tasks (spies, CI reporting on operations in the New York area, etc.) that the Case Officers would assign him.

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6. The estimated expenses involved are as follows:

a. Round-trip ticket Germany - U.S.	810.00
b. Three months living expense (non-accountable)	900.00
Grand total	<u>1710.00</u>

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the paid vacation for GARDNER be approved as requested.

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